

November 8, 1993

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Dear Mike:

I received an acknowledgment from your office in response to the group photo of the 112th New York Infantry taken at Suffolk, Virginia in 1862-63. Since then I have come up with even more images of that regiment, as well as additional information on some of the images I sent in September.

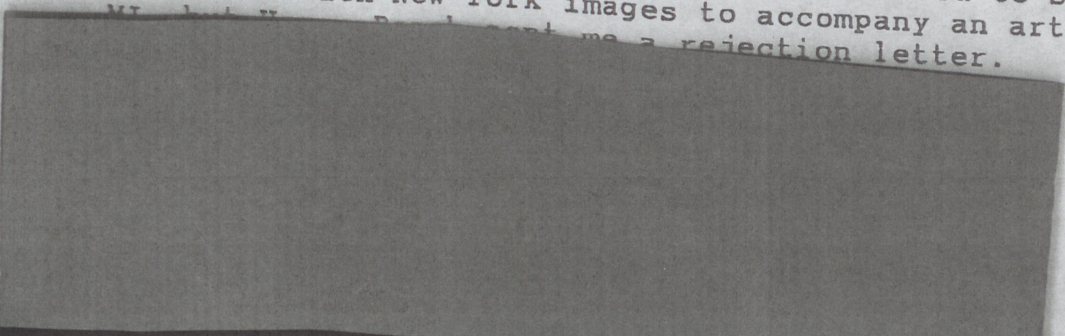
First, I am enclosing Xerox copies of nine images owned by Tom Karapantso of Jamestown, whose wife, Martha, is a descendant of Capt. John G. Palmeto of the 112th New York. They were generous to let me copy these images for USAMHI.

Second, regarding some images I sent you in late September, I have new information on three Allen brothers, who were believed to have served in the 145th Penna. Vols. The 1901 Centennial History of Chautauqua County has a photo and biography of Caleb Johnson Allen, Sr., the father of these soldiers whose images are in the county museum in Westfield.

Caleb Allen, Sr. was born in Groton, CT in 1807, and was elected State Senator at the age of 30. He later served as postmaster and mayor of New London, CT. In 1843, the family moved to Sinclairville, Chautauqua County. His younger brother, Samuel T. Allen, went to Texas and served on a committee with Sam Houston to draft the Declaration of Independence for Texas.

Caleb Allen had four sons, all of whom became lawyers. Three of them were in the Civil War, and their images are in your lab as I write this.

Samuel T. Allen was an officer in the Civil War and a lawyer in Holden, Missouri. Stephen H. Allen was a lawyer in Topeka, Kansas, and served on the supreme court for that state. Caleb J. Allen, Jr. was a lawyer in Iowa, and served with the 4th Iowa Cavalry. He died a POW in a Confederate prison camp. His image shows him with his saber.

By the way, I enjoyed your interview by Mark Dunkelman in the latest "Military Images" magazine. I offered to submit some of these 112th New York images to accompany an article for  a rejection letter.

I send hard





LT. COL. ELIAL FOOTE CARPENTER  
 His wife, JULIA JEFFORDS  
 112th NY Vols.  
 Killed at Drurys Bluff, Va.  
 Died May 18, 1864



EDSON BOYD  
 Assistant Surgeon  
 112th NY Vols.





LOREN T. DAMON  
1st Lt., Co. H  
112th NY Vols.



JEREMIAH CLINTON DRAKE (1824-1864)  
Colonel, 112th NY Vols.  
Killed at Cold Harbor, Va.





GEORGE W. JONES  
Ellery, New York  
Co. H, 112th NY Vols.



JEFFERY R. THOMAS  
Assistant Surgeon  
112th NY Vols.





JOHN G. PALMETER (1810-1864)  
Capt. Co. H, 112th NY Vols.  
Wounded at Cold Harbor, Va.  
Died Aug. 1, 1864 at Jamestown, NY



Believed to be earlier photo of  
John G. Palmeter, 112th NY Vols.  
(Note droop in left eye.)  
Photos from same family album.





FRANK W. PALMETER  
Son of Capt. John G. Palmeter  
112th NY Vols.

(Not sure if Frank served or if  
he just dressed in military garb for this photo.)